## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

# INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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CONDITION

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X\_EXCELLENT \_\_GOOD

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#### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two and a half story, five bay frame house has grown much over the years since the late 18th century. It faces north.

Built on fieldstone foundations which have been reinforced by poured concrete, the exterior walls have been covered by white clapboarding. The north (front) porch has a shed roof with red raised seam metal covering supported by four wooden chamfered posts. The north door is wooden paneled. On the west elevation there is a modern two story porch which is screened in at the first level and enclosed by windows at the second level. This porch has a gable roof with wooden shingles. On the east elevation there is a one story porch with two vertical lattice screens which separate the north section of the porch from the south screened section. Five wooden chamfered posts support the porch's shed roof which is covered by wooden shingles. The east door is composed of vertical wooden boards and glass panels. On the south elevation between the east and west ells there is a two story porch which is screened at the second level and enclosed and screened at the first level. This porch has a low shed roof.

The six-over-six double hung windows are flanked by green wooden louvered shutters. At the east gable end there is one four-over-four double hung window. At the south gable end of the east wing, the second story, there are two paired eight light casement windows. At the peak of the south gables, east and west wings, there are ventilator louvers. There are three gabled dormers of six-over-six double hung windows on the north and south elevations. The west wing has two west-facing gabled dormers - one has a six-over-six double hung window and one has broad glass louvers. The east wing, on the east and west elevations, there are paired four light casement windows set into gabled dormers.

The gabled roof is covered by wooden shingles. There is one central interior chimney over the north (main) section of the house and two exterior chimneys on the west elevations of the east and west wings.

East of the house, just beside the east porch is a one story ivy covered stone house, two bays by one bay, which faces north. On the north elevation, a frame gabled hood is supported at the outer corners by two chamfered posts. There are three six-over-six double hung windows: one each on the north, east, and west elevations. The gable roof has wooden shingle covering. This house has been converted into a bathroom. Attached to the south of this stone house is a series of frame sheds with gable roofs also covered by wooden shingles. The exterior walls have both vertical and novelty siding: The north three bays are composed of two open round arches and one closed round arch with vertical siding; the south four bays have novelty siding. Southeast of the house is a three bay by three bay, one and a half story frame house. This has a gabled roof with wooden shingles and eight over eight and six over six double hung windows flanked by green wooden louvered shutters. The house faces west and has a frame gabled hood above the west (front) door.

Harewood is surrounded by a beautiful landscaped setting, of treed lawns, and to the southeast, cornfields.

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	1500-1599	X_AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE	
	1600-1699	ARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
	X.1700-1799	_ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER	
	1800-1899	COMMERCE	X_EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	PHILOSOPHY	TRANSPORTATION	
	1900-	COMMUNICATIONS	X_INDUSTRYINVENTION	X_POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	Xother (Specify) Local History	

SPECIFIC DATES

by 1792

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Owned by influential, progressive Quakers Deborah Stabler and her son, Edward, and later owned by Secretary of State Dean Acheson, Harewood of Sandy Spring has been well cared for since 1788.

Quakers were among the earliest settlers in the County. In 1751 James Brooke was deeded the 392-acre tract (subsequently named the Meeting House Tract) by his father-in-law, Richard Snowden. Brooke left the Meeting House Tract to his daughter, Elizabeth Pleasants, except for the acre he deeded to the Friends for their Meeting House. Elizabeth's daughter, Deborah Pleasants Stabler and her husband, William Stabler, inherited and moved to the property in 1793. They converted an old tobacco barn already standing into a white frame dwelling house. There were five Stabler sons, Thomas Pleasants, Edward, James P., Caleb Bentley, and William Henry. William Stabler, the older, died at age 39, and Deborah ent to work teaching school, eventually becoming dean of girls at Fair Hill, the Friends Boarding School. In addition, she was a Quaker minister for 40 years.

In her will Deborah divided the Meeting House tract into 3 parts: these became known as Harewood, Auburn, and Sandy Spring Farm. Her eldest son, Edward received title to the house and 109.5 acres at Deborah's death,

and resided there from 1823-1883, raising 10 children.

In addition to farming, Edward was the Sandy Spring postmaster for 53 years, with the post office located in his home. He was also a writer, gunsmith, inventor, engraver, and founder and first president of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Montgomery County. He introduced the use of Peruvian guano as fertilizer in 1844, which increased his wheat yield from 3 to 25 bushels per acre and improved farming in the entire County as other farmers adopted his principles.

Edward's youngest son, Arthur Stabler, inherited the farm in 1883 and

lived there until his death in 1918.5

The house was vacant for the next 7 years. Dean G. Acheson bought the estate in 1925 from Stabler heirs. Acheson (1893-1971) was an attorney who bought Harewood as a summer home and retreat for himself, his artist wife, Alice, and their 3 children. He hired an architect, John Bancroft, to repair and modernize the house. Acheson later left the practice of law to accept presidential appointments as Under Secretary of the Treasury under Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Assistant Secretary of State and Secretary of State under Harry Truman. Former Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, said Acheson was "the greatest Secretary of State of the 20th century."

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

(Footnotes on Attachment Sheet A)

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

D/418.Hall of Records, Annapolis:

County Records;

Land Records - B/433-435 Frederick:

Land Records - 374/320, 5058/564 Montgomery:

- RWC 6/336; VMB 4/473-477; G/157 Wills

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY Interview with Mrs. Dean Acheson

## **10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 20 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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**1** FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Candy Reed

Architectural Description Martha Nesbitt

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Sugarloaf Regional Trails

TELEPHONE

Box 87

926-4510

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Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 1817 KA; 1974 Supplement.

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ttachment Sheet A

Harewood Farm (Sandy Spring H.D.)

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### **FOOTNOTES:**

Land Records of Frederick County, B/433-34,(1751). Ibid., D/418, Hall of Records, Annapolis, (1788). Montgomery County Wills, G157. Ibid., VMB 4/373-7,(1845). Ibid., RWC 6/336.

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### ACHS SUMMARY FORM

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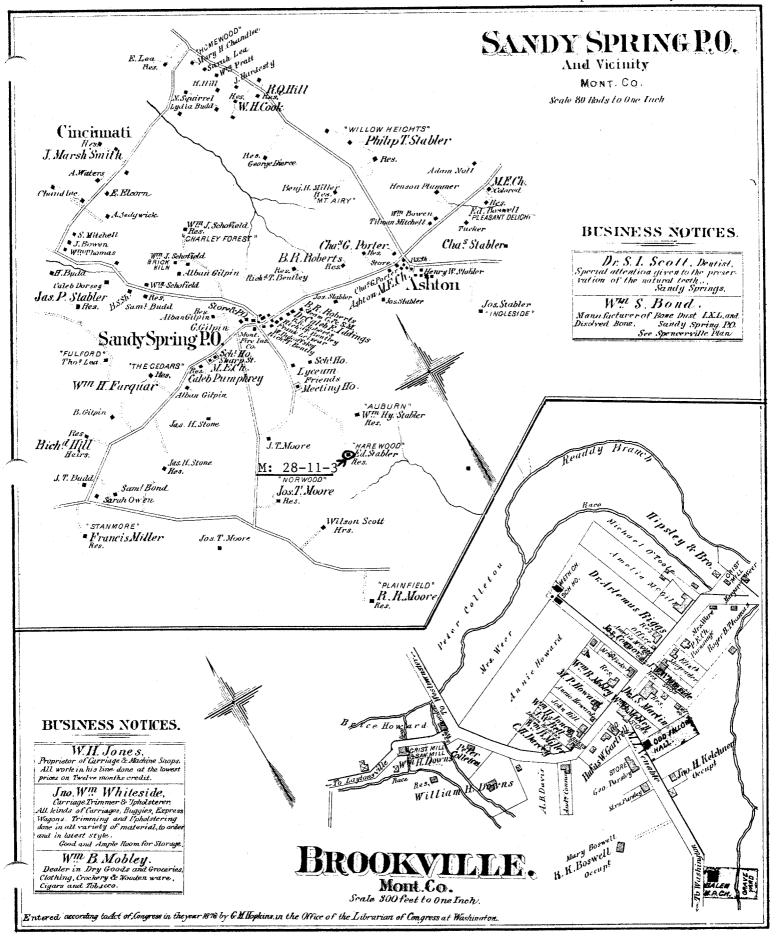
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14. Designation Approval\_\_\_\_

12. Compiler Gail Rothrock

15. Acreage
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NAME HAREWOOD - EDW. STABLER'S ENGRAVING SHOP

LOCATION MEETING HOUSE Rd. SANDY SPRING, Md.

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